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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MOSCOW G-5 MEETING AND US-SOVIET BILATERAL ON  
DISPUTE SETTLEMENT  
REF: MOSCOW 17435

1. MINISTER VASEV OF SOVIET EMBASSY CALLED ON AMBASSADOR  
RICHARDSON DECEMBER 2 TO DELIVER FORMAL INVITATION TO GROUP  
OF FIVE MEETING IN MOSCOW TO BE HELD JANUARY 16 THROUGH 19.  
AS AN AGENDA, VASEV PROPOSED THREE MAJOR ITEMS: (A) EX-  
CHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE SITUATION AT THE INTERSESSIONAL AND  
AT THE CONFERENCE; (B) ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS OF THE SEVENTH  
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SESSION; AND (C) MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE WORK OF COMMIT-  
TEES. (TRANSLATION OF RUSSIAN DOCUMENT VASEV LEFT WITH US  
SHOULD GIVEUS MORE PRECISE DEFINITIONS.) WITH RESPECT TO  
THIRD ITEM, I.E. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES REQUIRING DISCUSSION,  
VASEV LISTED SEVERAL PROBLEM AREAS ON SEABED MINING MATTERS,  
COMMITTEE TWO ISSUES, AND DISPUTESETTLEMENT ISSUES. HE  
ALSO MENTIONED THE NEED TO DISCUSS PREAMBLE AND FINAL

CLAUSES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO RICHARDSON'S QUESTION, VASEV SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET WISHES BILATERAL US-SOVIET MEETING PRIOR TO THE G-5 MEETING. RICHARDSON STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT PRESSING FOR A BILATERAL MEETING AND AGREED WITH VASEV THAT FOUR FULL DAYS WOULD

PROBABLY BE NEEDED FOR THE VERY COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA THAT VASEV HAD OUTLINED. BY WAY OF A SUGGESTION, RICHARDSON ASKED WHETHER PRIORITY MIGHT BE ASSIGNED TO THOSE TOPICS ENUMERATED BY VASEV THAT WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE INTER-SESSIONAL MEETING IN FEBRUARY. OTHERWISE, RICHARDSON SAID THAT THE SOVIET PROPOSED AGENDA APPEARS TO INCLUDE ALL ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE SOVIET REQUEST FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF ISPUSETTLEMENT IN DECEMBER IN WASHINGTON, WE INVITED SOVIETS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 10 A.M. WE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT ONE DAY WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE TOPICS THAT THE SOVIETS HAD PROPOSED AND THAT IN ANY CASE, SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO PROLONG THE TALKS. AMBASSADOR ALDRICH WILL HEAD THE US TEAM, SECONDED BY PROFESSORS SOHN AND OXMAN AND LOS STAFF.

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4. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE ADDRESSEES IN GREATER DETAIL WHEN WRITTEN SOVIET AGENDA IS TRANSLATED. OBVIOUSLY, COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA ENVISAGED WILL REQUIRE LARGER DELEGATION THAN WE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

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